

China Lab Accreditation (ET 16-313)

Presentation to the Federal Communications Commission

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Recent FCC Decision on Lab Accreditation

- TIA appreciates FCC action to provide pathway to accreditation, as requested in our 2015 petition for clarification and reconsideration (ET 13-44)
- Ultimate goal: progress on equipment authorization MRAs



Implementation of Lab Accreditations – Two Precedents to Consider

- Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008, section 102 - language on participation of government testing labs in mandatory testing for certain children's products
- FCC's 1998 R&O (FCC 98-338) adopting rule changes to implement MRAs with the EC, APEC, and other foreign trade partners – language on parity



CPSIA of 2008

- Addressed concerns on substandard testing of children's toys
- Set precedent that U.S. will accept test results from government labs
 - only if manufacturers are not forced to use state-owned or -controlled labs
 - only if foreign labs are accorded national treatment



FCC 98-338

- Addressed need "to ensure parity" between manufacturers in U.S., MRA partner countries (p. 27)
- "...We will not permit parties in an EC country to test and approve products to U.S. requirements until that country permits U.S. parties to test and approve products to its requirements" – same for APEC (p. 27)



Thank you